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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a cell that expresses a recombinant N-type calcium channel subunit splice variant, for continued examination, without traverse.

In response to the species requirement set forth on page 8 of the Office Action, Applicant elects human sequence as the species for examination. Claims 1 and 2 are readable on this species.

Applicant notes that claims 5 and 6 previously were canceled by preliminary amendment. These claims have been added back into the application by the preliminary amendment filed herewith as claims 37-44. Claims 37, 38, 41 and 42 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant further expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims or other subject matter disclosed in the application.

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